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MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, AND :
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND :
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS OF THE :
SAME, RECORDING AND :
REPRODUCTION METHOD OF :
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :
AND RECORDING AND :
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS OF :
THE SAME :

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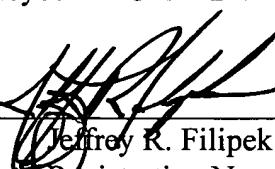
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5. an International Search Report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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